GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
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EXPORT OF AGRO PRODUCTS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been any increase or decrease in the export of agro-products to various international markets;

(b) if so, the details thereof for the last three years and till date;

(c) whether the Government has any plan to explore new markets for the export of agro-products; and

(d) the steps the Government propose to take to ensure the increase of agro products in order to go in for competition in the international markets?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a) & (b): India`s agricultural exports have been steadily increasing over the last few years. Agricultural exports (excluding tea, coffee, marine products, cotton and castor oil) for the last three years are as below:

Year	Agriculture Exports	
	Rs. Crore	US$ Million
2001-02	18,763	3,934
2002-03	22,239	4,589
2003-04	23,839	5,178
2004-05		
(Apr.- Oct.,04)	20,584	2,840

Source: DGCI&S

(c): Developing a new market for exports is a continuous process for which Government through agencies such as Commodity Boards, Authorities and Export Promotion Councils constantly endeavors.

(d): In order to ensure growth of exports of agro products, the Government provides a variety of incentives in the form of financial and other assistance through the aforesaid agencies for infrastructure development, modern packaging units, quality control, research and development and market development.